

**REMARKS**

This response is intended as an amendment to re-open prosecution after a final decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences under 37 CFR 1.198. (See MPEP 1214.07). Under such relevant section, if the amendment is submitted with a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 (attached) and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) (enclosed herewith), prosecution of the application will be reopened and the amendment will be entered.

The Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 22, 31, 32, 53 and 56 are amended to incorporate the limitations of previously dependent claims 12 and/or 23, which were allowed by a final decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Ex parte Hosea, 6, 8 (BPAI, 2006). Furthermore, dependent claims 2, 3, 37, 38 and 46 are amended to further clarify embodiments of the present invention. Finally, claims 4-6, 11, 12, 23, 39-41, 44 and 45 are canceled.

In view of both the amendments presented above and the final decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed on August 29, 2006, Applicant submits that all of the claims now pending are in allowable form. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the claims be allowed.


**CONCLUSION**

Thus, Applicant submits that none of the claims, presently in the application, are in allowable form. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Eamon J. Wall or Jimmy Kim, at (732) 530-9404, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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